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'I'm scared of dinosaurs'
says TV's
Spender



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suicide crazy!

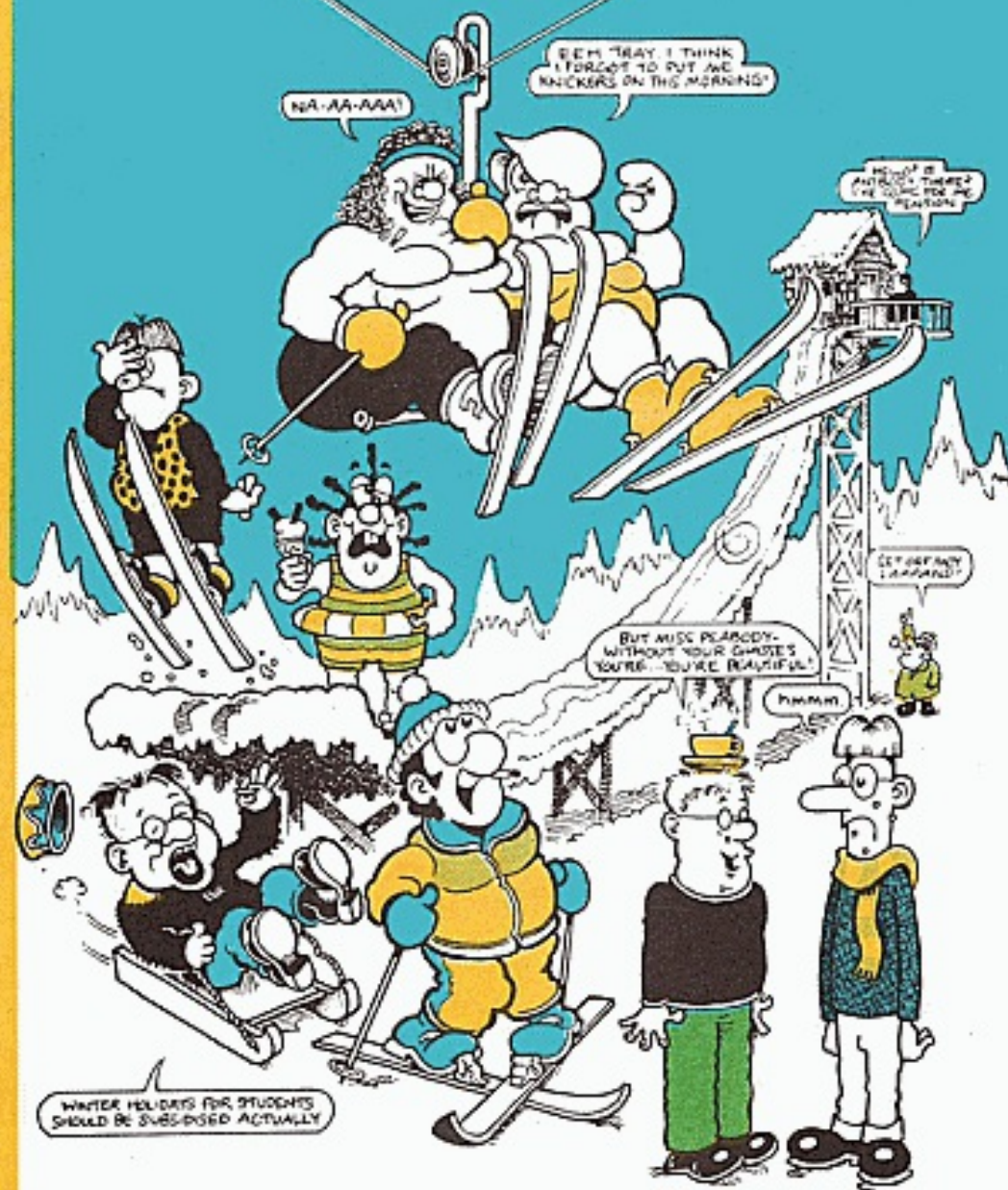
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FABULOUS FREE GLADIATORS GAME - INSIDE!

JumpJet Fanny

AND HER HAWKER-SIDDELEY TWAT

YOUNG FANNY HAWKER WAS THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN SHARPTON - FOR SHE WAS BORN WITH A NEUTRAL TAKE-OFF SET ENGINE UP HER ANUS!



LETTER



BOOKS



Good PRIZE LETTER

Samaritan

Could I, if I may, take this opportunity to thank the young lady with a torch who showed me to my seat in the cinema last night. If it had not been for this kind person I may well have tripped and fallen in the dark.

It is perhaps a sad reflection of modern society that out of 300 people in the cinema only one person offered to help. Nevertheless, my heartfelt thanks go to her.

Mrs D. McLean
Eaglescliffe

Under the conditions of the Fire Precautions Act 1971 I am obliged to carry out a fire drill on the letters page of this magazine every 12 months. A fire alarm will sound at some point on this page. When you hear the alarm you must stop reading at once and put the magazine down. Do not open it again until you are given the all clear signal.

J. Brown
Publisher

Cock poppycock

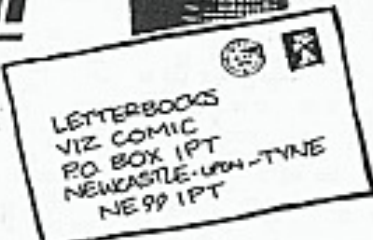
They say that 'size is not important'. That's nonsense. I'm a girl, and frankly we're not interested in anyone with less than 3 inches to offer. So any blokes out there with a little dick can simply forget it.

Maria Tennant
London NW3



While passing my local post office the other day I found this photograph lying on the ground. If the owner would care to write to me I will gladly return it.

C. Bonner
32 Argyle Street
Glasgow G64



How ridiculous it is supermarkets selling fruit by the pound when apples are so much heavier than grapes.

Mrs Elsa Thompson
Bishopgate

So much for Ipswich

A few weeks after visiting Ipswich I developed a mild bladder infection from which I have only just recently recovered. A fine advertisement for the town.

C. Sugden
Bow

Why don't the British Tourist Board follow the example set by other countries and locate tourist attractions in town centres. It makes sense for the Eiffel Tower, the Statue of Liberty and the Sydney Opera House to be in easily accessible city centre locations. Why then is the Lake District over 250 miles from central London, and Edinburgh Castle a 4 hour train journey away?

E. Walsh
Fulham SW3

My wife's 'Glad' mad

My wife has gone Gladiators mad! Just the other day she came down for breakfast without touching the floor by swinging from one chandelier to another, and then proceeded to stand on top of the fridge and knock me off balance with a standard lamp. This morning she topped it all by injecting herself with steroids and developing a beard and hairy chest.

Reg Taylor
Bromsgrove



Naomi Campbell, Linda Evangelista, Cindy Crawford. Super models? Super tug boats more like it. I'd like to see what they look like at seven o'clock in the morning without their fancy "Versace" frocks or their professional "Chanel" make-up jobs.

Mr Fish
Leicester

Kitchen conundrum

We've all heard the phrase 'You get what you pay for'. Not so at my local department store. I ordered a fitted kitchen there this morning and paid for it there and then. And they tell me it won't be delivered for up to 3 weeks.

P. Hand
Kingston

Stuff your poxy towns

I'm sick of councils who advertise their poxy towns and districts on television, telling us that they're 'the place to be'. If your crappy little towns were any good in the first place, you wouldn't need to advertise them.

K. Shorter
Carlisle

* Ding-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling
-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling
-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling
-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling
-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling
-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling-a-ling!

If vegetarianism is such a good idea, how come vegetarians all have bad breath and fart a lot? If God had wanted us to eat grass, he'd have made us rabbits.

Tom Higgins
Swindon

Borrowing a friend's poodle and draping it over my head I was able to pose as Brian May out of Queen and secure a prime table in a crowded restaurant.

D. Smallpiece
London E3

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Come to Cleethorpes!



'It rains a bit, but it's not far from Grimsby'

Pick up a leaflet from the Tourist Office portakabin next to the public lavatories in the Kwiksave car park (closed Thursday)

Remedy for Royals

These so-called problems that the Royal family are suffering at present could be solved in a day if Fergie was kicked out, Di walked out, Prince Charles shackled up with that posh bird and Edward admitted he was a queer. Then we could all get back to business as usual.

D.G.
Chatham

Is it just me or did we actually win world war two?

A. Marney
London SW8

Man's best friend

They say a dog is a man's best friend. Not in my case. My best friend is Neil Williamson.

C. McAlinden
Altricham

Top Tips

OAPs. Try sitting on a pile of encyclopedias next time you drive your car. That way you'll be able to see out the front window.

B. Flynn
Burnley

AND while you're on, try pushing the pedal on the right down towards the floor. This will make your car move forwards more quickly.

B. Flynn
Burnley

AVOID laziness by screwing your TV remote control to a piece of furniture at least ten feet from your chair.

Hapag Lloyd
Runcorn

OFFICE managers. Encourage primeval 'hunter-gatherer' instincts among staff by hiding nuts and berries about your office to enable them to forage for food at lunch time.

R. Villa
Argentina

CREATE instant designer stubble by rubbing syrup on your chin then sprinkling the contents of a tea bag onto it.

B. Measures
Uppingham

SILENCE your windy bottom by pulling apart your buttocks before you pump. Hey presto! No embarrassing 'fart' noise.

P. Fletcher
Wrexham

MAKE guests believe your home might be bugged by running your hands under tables and inside lampshades, then turning the shower on every time you want to speak.

C. Rumble
Balham SW12

NEVER do your shoelaces up in a revolving door.

Mr M. Adeye
Plumstead Infirmary

SOLVE the problem of disappearing Biro's. Use a pencil instead.

T. Scott
BFPO 31

AVOID soiling your trousers by *not* pulling apart your buttocks when you think you are about to fart.

P. Fletcher
Wrexham

POLICE. Get prime seats at your local panto this year by stopping one of the celebrities as they drive home after the show full of drink. They're bound to offer you free tickets.

P. Noble
Torquay

TOP OF THE TOPS! **EXCLUSIVE**

Britain is top of the topping yourself league – and that's official.

Statistics show that more people than ever before are ending it all in recession hit Britain.

SUICIDE

"People have gone suicide bonkers", one leading pathologist told us yesterday. "I'm literally snowed under with stiffies. Business has never been so good".

PAINLESS

The current kamikaze craze has put Britain top of the Euro-suicide league, ahead of traditional clog popping champions Sweden. And as we get set for a harsh winter, officials fear that miserable weather could add to the problem.

BRINGS

Traditional forms of suicide such as carbon monoxide poisoning and jumping off tall things remain popular favourites. However, last year saw a dramatic decline in the number of deaths by hanging. Britain's depressives increasingly favouring the more modern approaches such as alcohol overdosing.

CHANGES

We asked a top psychologist to predict how some of Britain's showbusiness celebrities might go about killing themselves should they feel the urge to do so.

FASHION

Professor Karl Liebraumilch of Bridlington University's Department of Suicidal Tendencies, gave us the following insight into the possible suicide techniques of the stars.

Radio One DJ **SIMON BATES** is a man who knows the value of publicity. He wouldn't waste an opportunity like this. I believe he would kill himself on live TV – possibly during a chat show – with a small handgun.

Eastenders star **DANIELLA WESTBROOK** is young and fun loving. I think she'd choose to end it all with a lethal cocktail of drink and drugs.

Prime Minister **JOHN MAJOR** lives under tremendous pressure. He would be the first Tory prime minister to top himself since the war, and I think he'd do it by jumping in front of a train.

Raunchy rock star turned nude model **MADONNA** would definitely want to go out with a bang – quite literally. I believe she would attempt to have sex with an elephant, and be crushed or split in half in the process.

Inspector Morse star **JOHN THAW** has witnessed plenty of baffling murders in his role as a TV cop. For his own demise I think he would plump for something less dramatic. I believe John Thaw would jump off a bridge.

A spokesperson for the Samaritans yesterday pleaded with any stars who are on the verge of suicide to get in touch. "We're here to help anyone who is depressed, suicidal or feels they have nowhere else to turn. And that goes for the stars of showbusiness too. Our message to the suicidal stars would be 'Don't do it – give us a call. I'm sure we can help'".

Frank Worthington

In our last issue in an article entitled 'Elephants' Ears – new theory' it was implied that former Leicester City footballer Mr Frank Worthington was unable to distinguish between Indian and African elephants. We now accept that this was not the case, and that Mr

Worthington has not at any time been confused about types of elephants. We now wish to unreservedly withdraw our accusation, and express our sincere apologies for any distress caused to Mr Worthington and his family.



Bates – handgun



Westbrook – cocktail



Madonna – sex

Mrs BRADY

OLD LADY



OH, LORD... IT'S... THE FAT SLAGS



THE CRITICS

THE CRITICS
ARE AT THE
THEATRE....

...AH YES... BY DRAWING
ON ELEMENTS OF EUROPEAN
FOLKLORE TRADITION, THIS
PRODUCTION PROBES THE
UNIVERSAL THEMES BURIED
DEEP IN OUR COLLECTIVE
SUBCONSCIOUS....

THROUGH THEIR
DARING INTERACTION
WITH THE AUDIENCE,
THE COMPANY BREAKS
DOWN THE TRADITIONAL
BARRIERS BETWEEN
PERFORMER AND
SPECTATOR....

WHILST GEEKY PORTRAYING
THE COW IN NON-NATURALISTIC
TERMS, TWO TALENTED ACTORS
SOMEHOW CAPTURE THE
QUINTESSENTIAL ESSENCE
OF BOVINITY....

HELLO, BOYS
AND GIRLS?

HAVE YOU
SEEN MY COW?

IT'S
BEHIND
YOU!

RICHARDO DARING-PRANCE,
WHO PLAYS THE HAND QUARTERS OF
THE ANIMAL, DESERVES PARTICULAR
PRAISE... A BRILLIANT YOUNG ACTOR!

AFTERWARDS, BACK STAGE...

RICHARDO, YOU
WERE WONDERFUL!

YOU'RE TOO KIND, UNCLE CRISPIN...
I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME ALONG...
WHEN ONE LIVES FOR ONE'S CRAFT,
AS I DO, IT IS GRATIFYING TO
RECEIVE SOME RECOGNITION
OF ONE'S WORK...

HOW WAS IT?
WAS ANYONE WANT
TO COME ON, YOU
CAN TELL ME.

YOU WERE
FINE, LADY!
OH, YOU'RE JUST
SAYING THAT!

WHAT AN EXPERIENCE! THE
CHALLENGING USE OF CROSS-DRESSING
THE MOVING USE OF VERSE, THE
ALMOST CHILD-LIKE SIMPLICITY OF
THE PLOT...

WELL, WE MUST
GO HOME NOW AND
WRITE UP THE REVIEW
FOR OUR NEWSPAPER
COLUMN...

OH, THAT REMINDS ME...
A FRIEND OF MINE IS AN
UP-AND-COMING SCULPTOR...
COULD I PERSUADE YOU TO
GO ALONG TO THE OPENING
OF HIS FIRST EXHIBITION
TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND
REVIEW IT?... HERE'S
THE ADDRESS...

OF COURSE,
RICHARDO, OF
COURSE... ONE
IS ALWAYS
THRILLED TO
DISCOVER NEW
Talent!

A LITTLE LATER...

OH DEAR! I THINK I MIGHT HAVE
ACCIDENTALLY GIVEN UNCLE CRISPIN
THE ADDRESS OF A CHRISTMAS BATTY
WHICH AN ALL-IN WRESTLING CLUB IS
HOLDING TOMORROW FOR THE LOCAL
CHILDREN'S HOME KIDS, WHICH I JUST
HAPPENED TO HAVE IN MY POCKET
BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I MIGHT BE ABLE
TO DO SOME CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINING
OR SOMETHING...

...LET'S HOPE THEY
DON'T GO THERE, BY
MISTAKE...

MMMM...

UNIMPRESSED
READER'S VOICE

THE NEXT DAY...

THIS IS THE
PLACE...

ALL IN WRESTLING CLUB

OH YES! HOW ORIGINAL!
SURROUNDING THE GALLERY,
LIKE SILENT SENTINELS, ARE
A SERIES OF SCULPTURES, FORMED
ENTIRELY FROM THE IMMEDIATE
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

THESE RARE, ALMOST
BEGGING HUMAN FIGURES
HAVE A PRIMITIVE, NATIVE
QUALITY TO THEM...
THE MEDIUM OF SNOW
SURELY REPRESENTS THE
COLD STERILITY OF
MODERN SOCIETY...
...NATASHA?

UNDOUBTABLY, CRISPIN...
YET THE ARTIST HAS SURELY
FUSED VEGETABLE MATTER
INTO THE WORK TO SYMBOL-
IZE THE VIBRANCE OF LIFE...
SHALL WE MOVE INTO
THE MAIN GALLERY
SPACE?

HERE THE ARTIST HAS CREATED
A SINGLE, LARGE INSTALLATION
PIECE... ONCE AGAIN, HE PURSUES
HIS OBSESSION WITH NATURAL
MATERIALS, YET IN THIS WORK HE
Juxtaposes THE SIMPLE PURITY OF
THE CENTRAL ORGANIC STRUCTURE
WITH A COMPLEX SURROUNDING WEB
OF MAN-MADE PARAPHERNALIA
AND LIGHTING EFFECTS.

REMARKABLE!

AND THERE, VIOLENTLY
IMPALED ON THE VERY TOP
OF THIS BIZZARRE SCULPTURE,
IS A SINGLE, VULNERABLE FEMALE
FIGURE... SHADES OF EARLY
RENAISSANCE CRUCIFIXION
PAINTINGS HERE, YET
BRILLIANTLY REINTERPRETED
THROUGH A POST-PYTHONESQUE
SURREALISM...
...CRISPIN?

SURELY ONE OF
THE MOST DISTURBING
IMAGES IN SEMI-
FIGURATIVE INSTALLATION
SCULPTURE WE'VE SEEN
THIS YEAR.

AND AT THE BASE OF
THIS STRUCTURE
WE FIND A GROUP
OF INTRIGUING
PACKAGES... I FEEL
SOME DEEP INNER
MEANING LIES
HIDDEN WITHIN
THESE BOXES...

OBVIOUSLY ONE
IS MEANT TO
INTERACT WITH
THIS PIECE AND
OPEN THESE
STRANGE PARCELS...
...A TRULY NOVEL CONCEPT!

A REAL TOUR DE FORCE!
SHALL WE REFRESH OURSELVES?
LOOK, THE GALLERY HAS PROVIDED
A WONDERFUL BUFFET...

MMMM... SOME
WINE, NATASHA?

SOON...

MAAAA... WHAT A SPECTACULAR
GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCE!
INDEED... HOW STRANGE
THAT THERE ARE SO FEW
PEOPLE HERE... THOUGH
I CAN HEAR SOME NOISE
NEXT DOOR... POSSIBLY THERE
A PERFORMANCE SINCE
HERE AS WELL...

MEANWHILE, NEXT DOOR...

OK, KIDDIES, THAT'S ENOUGH
GAMES FOR NOW... LET'S GO
AND UNWRAP OUR PRESENTS
AND EAT ALL THAT LOVELY
FOOD...

WHAT THE...?
GRRR!
WHAAT! THAT MAN
AND LADY HAVE
OPENED ALL OUR
PRESENTS!
AND EATEN
ALL THE FOOD!

LATER...

HMM... AFTER AN EXPLOSIVE
SESSION OF INCOMPLETE PHYSICAL
THEATRE, ONE FINDS ONESELF
LITERALLY ENGULFED BY THE
VERY FABRIC OF A
PLASTER-BASED
HUMAN
SCULPTURE...

THESE PUNY STRIPS OF
BANDAGE TACTICALLY
CONCEAL AN ARRAY OF
COLOURFUL BRUISES WHICH
HAVE BEEN WORKED FORCED
INTO ONE'S BODY... THE SKIN
OF THIS PIECE IS VIRTUALLY
TANGIBLE...

BLUE PETER'S PETER PURVIS PULLS PLUG ON CELEBRITY FAN AVOIDANCE TACTICS

We all know the lengths that some fans will go to in order to meet their idols. But did you know that many of today's top stars often go to equally bizarre lengths to *avoid* their fans.

Tom Jones, for example, got so fed up with female admirers pestering him in restaurants he built his own – in his garden. Complete with a staff of ten, and 40 actors employed full-time as customers, the restaurant cost Tom over £2 million. But the Welsh heart-throb can now enjoy uninterrupted romantic meals – seven days a week.

SEIGE

Tom's next door neighbour, fellow Scot Rod Stewart, found that his home was under constant siege from women. So he moved out. Now Rod, 63, lives in a tree house at the bottom of his garden, undisturbed by the queues of women waiting at his door.

STORIES

These are just two of the star stories to be found in a new book – 'Things that stars do in order to avoid their fans'. The book was the brainchild of former Blue Peter presenter Peter Purvis.

HOUSEBOAT

"Originally, I was intending to write a book about cookery, but I couldn't think of any recipes", said Peter, speaking from the Birmingham houseboat which is home to himself, his wife and their sixteen dogs. "Then my wife suggested a book about the things that stars do in order to avoid their fans, and it all seemed to take off from there".



Peter Purvis (spelled 'Purves' above) and TV's Ronnie Corbett

The fascinating book also reveals everyday tricks which TV celebrities use in order to get to work unrecognised. "Almost every TV presenter has a disguise of some sort – whether it be a false beard, a hat, false nose or a pair of plastic women's tits. Fans eyes would boggle if they stood in the cloakroom at the BBC and watched Terry Wogan arrive in a blonde wig and sexy red leather mini skirt, or newsreader Jeremy Paxman blacked up to look like Al Jolson. But that's what goes on every day of the week.

BARGE

One star wouldn't even risk walking to work. He actually wraps himself up in parcel tape and posts himself to the Television Centre at 5 o'clock each evening. He's delivered by the Post Office, ready for work, at 8 o'clock the next day".

SHOWBIZ EXCLUSIVE



The book also tells how pint-sized comic Ronnie Corbett allowed fans to get on top of him – quite literally – by adopting the behavioural patterns of a mole. "Ronnie avoids the fans by scurrying round beneath the earth in a vast network of tunnels which he dug entirely by hand", writes Purvis. "The only sign frustrated autograph hunters ever see of the star are small mounds of soil being pushed up from beneath the surface".

SHOVE

In America many stars have become so fed up with life in the public eye that they've *done away* with themselves. For Peter believes stars like Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean and Bing Crosby are in fact *alive*, having faked their deaths in order to escape the limelight.

"There is evidence that many of America's top entertainers, previously believed to be dead, are in fact all living in a special purpose-built celebrity hideaway at a top secret location, in order to avoid their fans", claims Purvis. And even if fans discover the whereabouts of the stars' hideaway, they'll still have trouble getting there. As Peter explains in the book.

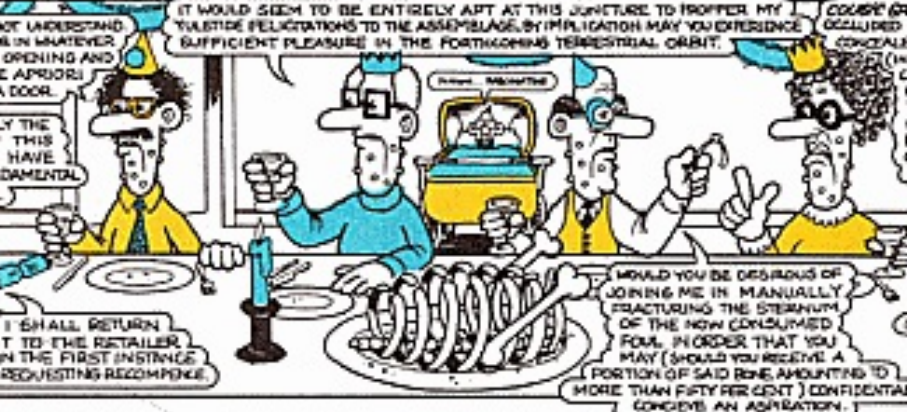
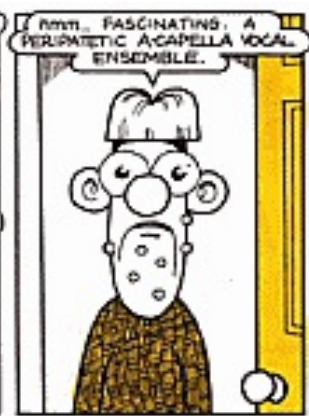
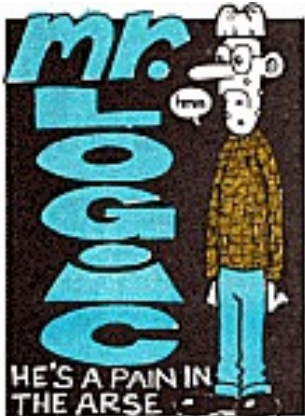
ELBOW

"The secret hideaway of the stars is in fact on the moon. Star Moonbase Alpha One was built especially for himself and his showbusiness pals by Elvis Presley. The luxury space base has everything the celebrities could ever need. Night clubs, restaurants, shops, cinemas, swimming baths and a 9-hole 'pitch and put' golf course.

WRIST

The only setback is that a one-way ticket to the moon, including a faked death, costs 500 million dollars". Peter hopes to have his book finished by the weekend, and all being well copies should be on the shelves by Christmas.

Turn to page 33
for our fabulous
Star Spotting
Competition



15 JAN 1987

DON'T WORRY, SON,
I'VE BROUGHT THE
KEYS. HEY! HEY!

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v4408, BILDERMAN'S HSG.
THIN, 604T

HELP!!!

THAT'S AN OLD SUBJECT.

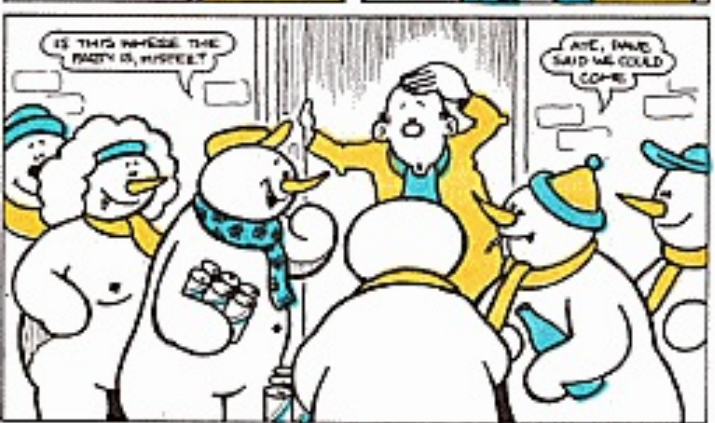
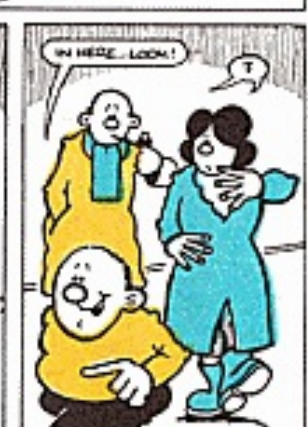
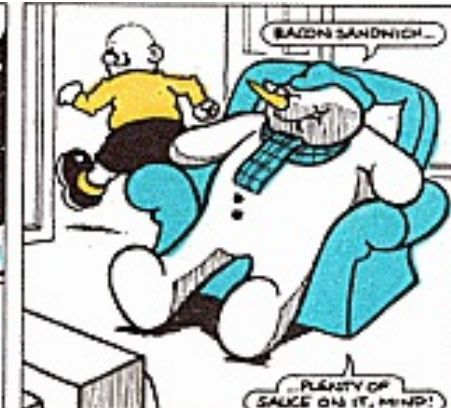
YOUR SUBJECT?

ON THE LANDS...

WALLY'S IN HERE, RAY. ONE!

402 TEN MINUTES LATER... (NEW HIGH NOTE: 1 FEEL)

BOYFRIEND IF THAT YOU'LL
KNOW WHAT I MEAN WHEN YOU GET OLDER, SON



STUDENT GRANT

NOVEMBER 12th, 8pm



ROGER IRRELEVANT



HE'S TOTALLY WARDROBE



CHRISTMAS EVE
DINE IN MOD-AL
DANCE CITY
STOOD A NEWLY
CAPTIVE SHEP...
LOBSTER LOB-STER
LOBSTER LOB-STER
LOBSTER LOB-STER



WHERE IS HE THEN
LIVED HER GRAY...
LOBSTER LOB-STER
LOBSTER LOB-STER
LOBSTER LOB-STER
TEACH THIS IS
RIBBULOUS



YOUR BROTHER IS COMPLETELY
RIPPING OUR CARDS SINGING,
ROBERTA
HE DOESN'T SING THE
PROPER WORDS
YES - HE JUST
GOES 'LOBSTER'



AT HOME
THANKS TO ROGER, I'VE JUST BEEN
THROWN OUT OF THE
PUBSTER ROAD
CAROL SINGERS
THAT LUGUBRIOUS BROTHER OF MINE
IS FAST REDUCING MY SOCIAL LIFE
TO ZERO



DON'T EXAGGERATE, DEAR
NOW THEN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRE IS
HOLDING A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE OLD FOLKS
TONIGHT, AND I WANT YOU TO GO TO COME ALONG
AND HELP OUT



SMARTLY, BY THE COMMUNITY CENTRE
HEY, GREGG! MRS IRRELEVANT! GIVE
YOU COME COME
...AND MEY! YOU'VE BROUGHT YOUR KIDS TOO!
GREAT! COMMUNITY PROJECTS LIKE THIS
REALLY NEED THE ENERGY
AND SUPPORT OF YOUNG...



OH - AM I THINK NOT, PROFESSOR - FOR
YOU SEE, THIS IS NO ORDINARY SHIN
...PEOPLE
BRAMMING IT CLOSELY, AND YOU GIVE FIND
THAT THIS IS THE BAIN OF RABBITRY MCDONALD



THEM YES, WELL, PERHAPS YOU TWO COULD
GO AND HELP SERVE FOOD AT THE SUPPER



DOOH, ELLIE, DON'T THE SAVINGS BELLS
LOOK PRETTY
EEN, BUT THE
CRISPS LOOK
FINE, TOO
DOH YES, I CAN'T DECIDE WHAT
TO HAVE FIRST, WHAT WOULD
YOU RECOMMEND, YOUNG MAN?



AWHHEE
I REG
YOUR PARDON?



DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH ME, GINE KIT!
YOU'VE BEEN THE BEANS BEHIND
THIS LITTLE RACKET FROM THE
STREET!
AAAAHH!
WHERE IS IT, GINEKIT? WHERE
HAVE YOU HIDDEN THE SHIN UNIT?



ROGER! FOR GOODNESS SAKE, TRY
TO CONTROL YOURSELF!
THERE THERE
EVEN, IT ALL
OVER NOW
I KNOW OF A
GOOD HYPOCRISIT
WHO COULD SORT
HIM OUT
LATER
OH, ROGER, SOME LOCAL
CHILDREN ARE PUTTING ON
A NUTRITY PLAY TO ENTERTAIN
THE OLD FOLKS, PERHAPS YOU'D
LIKE TO JOIN IN THE
PRODUCTION?
P'TWING
...OO
...EEN
...GREAT!



WITHOUT
PLAY
MEET
HIM
EEN
...YOU SEE, MRS IRRELEVANT, IF WE
ENCOURAGE ROGER TO MIX WITH OTHER
CHILDREN LIKE THIS, HE WILL SOON PICK
UP MORE RATIONAL AND EMBLE
PATTERNS OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
HA!



LATER - THE NUTRITY BEGINS
WE HAVE THE THREE WISE KINGS OF ORIENT,
AND WE BRING GIFTS OF GOLD,
FRANKINCENSE, AND... EEN...
A BELL OF LINDSEUM
WHERE IS THE
BABY JESUS?



...WELL...
HE'S HERE
BUT SOMEONE APPEARS
TO HAVE NAILED A SPROUT
TO HIS NOSE



BOO HOO! THAT'S MY FAVOURITE
DOLL - AND NOW IT'S GOT A
SPROUT ON ITS NOSE
BOO HOO!
I'M GOING
HOME



I THINK YOU'VE BEEN VERY SELFISH, YOUNG
MAN - YOUR DELIBERATELY ANTISOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR HAS SOILED THE ENTERTAINMENT
FOR EVERYONE ELSE
YOU'D BETTER JUST WAIT OUTSIDE THE HALL
UNTIL THE PARTY HAS FINISHED



EXCELLENT!
THAT'S GOT ROGER
OUT OF THE WAY
AT LAST!
NOW THEN TO ROUND OFF THE EVENING, THE
BISHOP OF FULCHESTER HAS KINDLY MARKED
TO COME AND DELIVER A CHRISTMAS SERMON
IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE THIS VERY SPECIAL
TIME OF THE YEAR



OH - HERE HE COMES NOW
ALL RISE, PLEASE, FOR THE
BISHOP OF FULCHESTER



WISSE
WISSE
CAWNT! THAT
PEEKY KING HAS
BEEN MESSING
MY CROWN
ROBIN
WITCH!
2 GOFT
2 GOFT



ROCK AGAINST DINOSAURS

Fellow Geordies Sting and Jimmy Nail have joined forces in an unlikely battle – against dinosaurs.

For the Tyneside singing and acting duo share a common fear that dinosaurs could reappear on Earth. And they hope that by acting now they can prevent the giant creatures from conquering the planet.

DINOSAURS

Jimmy Nail, alias TV tough guy cop Spender – admits that the idea was his. Jimmy has suffered from dinosaurphobia – the fear of dinosaurs – since early childhood.

COPING SAWS

"There's just something about dinosaurs that terrifies me", Jim confided. "As a child I was scared to go out of the house in case there were dinosaurs in the street. It was a really serious problem".

COLD SORES

On one occasion young Jimmy stayed in bed for three weeks. "I was convinced there was a dinosaur under my bed. I thought if I put my foot on the floor it would bite it off". Jimmy eventually clambered onto a wardrobe and escaped to the kitchen where his mother was less than sympathetic. "I got a right bashing", says Jim.

HERPES

"Even then I didn't realise how serious a problem it was. It's only now, when I've started to talk about it to other people, that I've begun to realise how much it has affected me".

HIS CHIPS

Jimmy was delighted when he read that fellow Geordie Sting also suffered from anxieties concerning dinosaurs, and he immediately got in touch. Now the chart topping double act are working together to overcome their

By our
Showbiz Staff



Nail – scared of dinosaurs



Sting – also scared of dinosaurs

fear of the giant reptiles, and they hope to enlist the help of other rock stars, actors and Northern celebrities.

LINDISFARNE

"We've had a great response so far", Jimmy told us. "Brendan Foster and Steve Cram have both offered to help, and Lindisfarne will be playing a benefit concert to raise funds for us in the near future. Jimmy hopes to set up a registered charity N.E.S.A.D. – North East Stars Against Dinosaurs – to help channel funds to where they are most needed and help fellow celebrities overcome their dinosaur anxieties.



Geordies join forces to battle prehistoric menace

Nail's nightmare

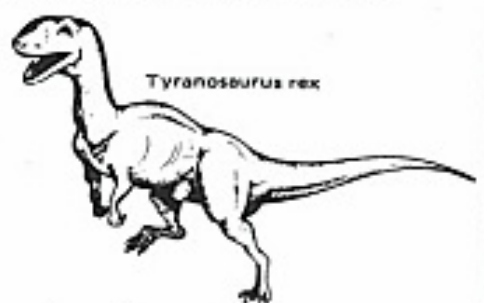
Here's Jimmy Nail's six most frightening dinosaurs.

Triceratops – a powerful, thick set, relatively small dinosaur with distinctive horns. "My worst nightmare is being trapped in a small space – like my bedroom – by one of these. They're so strong, yet manoeuvrable", says Jimmy.

Tyrannosaurus – the largest meat eater ever to stalk the Earth. "It's the sheer power of this one that frightens me. It can actually run faster than an average saloon car, and bullets would bounce off it".

Stegosaurus – This North American dinosaur of the Jurassic period had distinctive boney plates along its spine. "It's those horrible sharp spikes on its back that worry me most", says Jim.

Plesiosaurus – a giant water lizard of the early Cretaceous period. "It sounds silly, but when I first met my wife I wouldn't get in a bath in case one of these came up the plughole. She has helped me to overcome that fear, but I would never swim in the sea".



Tyrannosaurus rex



Triceratops

Rhamphorhynchus – a giant flying pterosaur descended from tree-living lizards. "With its leathery wings and razor sharp beak I am terrified that one day one of these could swoop out of the sky and eat me", says Jimmy.

Deinonychus – a small carnivorous dinosaur which hunted in packs. "The thought of being attacked and pulled to the ground by a pack of these is never far from my mind".

Celebrity scares!

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Jimmy Nail is by no means the first showbusiness celebrity to reveal a secret phobia. *Celebrity phobias* – irrational fears suffered by the stars of show business – have been around as long as show business itself.

In the thirties Lancashire born George Formby dropped a bombshell when he revealed to stunned cinema audiences that he was afraid of shiny things. Movie makers went to great lengths to ensure that mirrors, polished surfaces, ball bearings and silverware were removed from film sets before Formby arrived.



Formby – leant on lamppost

GEORDIE

Of today's celebrities Geoff Capes possibly boasts the most unusual phobia – a fear of budgies. Unlike many stars who try to hide their fears, former policeman Geoff has tackled his problem head on. Strong man Geoff decided to overcome his phobia by breeding budgies in the back yard of his home. And it worked. For Geoff, once a prisoner in his own home, now comes and goes freely, and isn't afraid of budgies anymore.



Blessed – shouty crackers

GOLDIE

Seventies pop idol Gilbert O'Sullivan's career was cut short – by a fear of anal hygiene. Obsessed with bottom hygiene, O'Sullivan would spend hours before and after gigs steeping his bum in a bath of Sterident. And the obsessive star would even book himself into a private clinic for expensive anal detoxification programmes every time he farted. Eventually his record sales began to fall as he spent more time in the bathroom and less in the recording studio.

Shouty crackers actor Brian Blessed's star phobia cost him his first major acting role. Brian was offered the part of TV's Captain Birdseye, but during rehearsals for a 30 second TV ad he began to sweat and suffered a panic attack. Top showbusiness doctors later diagnosed Brian as suffering from orpianophobia – an irrational fear of any frozen food coated in golden breadcrumb crumbs. Blessed lost the job, and has since avoided all contact with fish fingers, Crispy Pancakes, scampi, Mini Kievs and Chicksticks.

FRANK GETS THE HUMPS OVER CAMELS

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Former soccer ace Frank Worthington is today puzzled about camels.

Worthington, the dashing goal hero who scored with his feet and with the ladies during the seventies, has swapped his football boots for books – about camels! But despite reading up on his favourite animal, Frank admits to being somewhat baffled by their humps.



Worthington – camel headache

HUMPED

In his soon to be published autobiography, the former England international admits he can't tell the difference between a dromedary and a bactrian camel – the one and two humped varieties.

"For some reason throughout my career I've never been able to remember which has one hump and which has two. To this day I'm still unsure", admits Frank in his book, due for publication in the new year.

"There is a simple way to remember which is which", said Gerald. "The letter 'D' for dromedary, when laid on its back, resembles a single hump. The letter 'B' for bactrian similarly resembles two humps. It's easy."

POKED

We rang Jersey zoo keeper and animal book writer Gerald Durrell and asked if he had any hints for Frank.

When we asked Mr Durrell how many humps the camels in his zoo have got he didn't hear us, because he'd already hung up.

KNOBBED

IT'S NO SPECS PLEASE, WE'RE BRITISH! FLASH!

Many of Britain's top TV celebrities may wake up this Christmas to find they aren't famous anymore.

The BBC is set to axe up to 200 employees in a bid to beat the recession. And if top stars lose their jobs, it will mean automatic loss of their celebrity status. And with redundancy notices due to be posted later this week, many household names could find that they are no longer famous from midnight on December 31st.

night indicated that some celebrities may be offered other jobs, but they would have to accept a lower level of celebrity status. Half the job losses would be sought through voluntary redundancies, whereby old, fat stars, who aren't funny anymore, would be offered a large sum of money to retire and concentrate on charity work.

STATUS

Sources within the BBC last

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HE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO POP HIS CORK



Billy the Fish

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WILL FISH OUT OF MARILLION JOIN JACK HUCKNALL AND SIMPLY RED IN A SPECIAL FULCHESTER UNITED CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR? OR WILL THE POLICE AT FULCHESTER STADIUM HAVE A RIOT ON THEIR HANDS? OR WILL BILLY THE FISH - SURELY THE MOST UNPOPULAR CARTOON IN VIZ - FINALLY BE DROPPED FOR GOOD?

The MODERN PARENTS





Reg on tabs.



*"I smoke 'em cos I'm
chemically addicted
to nicotine!"*

WARNING: SMOKING WHILST PREGNANT CAN LEAD
TO LOW BIRTH WEIGHT. MIND YOU, WHO WANTS
TO GIVE BIRTH TO A FAT BABY ANYWAY.

Health Departments' Chief Medical Officers

20 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT MARZIPAN



It's in cakes and it's on cake ingredient shelves in the local supermarket. Yes, there's no getting away from marzipan. It's the cake ingredient that everyone wants to have on their cake and eat it. But how much do we really know about marzipan? We picked away the icing to reveal twenty fascinating facts about Britain's favourite cake covering.

1 You have to be *nuts* to make marzipan. That's because nuts – almonds to be precise – are what marzipan is made out of.

2 The name marzipan derives from latin – literally meaning 'bread of mars'. That's because the Roman astronomers believed the pasty cake covering originated from the red planet.

3 Marzipan first came to Britain in the 15th century when merchants returning from China used it to pack boxes of fragile china plates, cups and saucers.

4 To this day the idea of eating marzipan is unthinkable in China where it remains the country's main packing material.

5 Ironically, Chinese chefs use polystyrene, which they consider a delicacy, to coat their Christmas cakes.

6 Followers of a little known religion – Marzipology – refuse to eat marzipan. They believe that owing to a typographical error in the Bible marzipan was omitted from the gifts delivered to Jesus by the three wise men, and the word 'myrrh' was incorrectly used in its place. They believe that marzipan is Holy, and they light special marzipan candles in their churches.

7 Stars who enjoy marzipan include controversial slap head Sinead O'Connor, Catherine Zeta Jones out of the Darling Buds of May, and Eric Clapton.



Marzipan fan Darling Catherine Zeta Jones

8 Meanwhile, American rocker Bruce Springsteen hates the stuff. He shocked guests at an MTV awards party recently by removing marzipan from his cake and leaving it on the side of his plate.

Stars who have not yet publicly expressed an opinion on marzipan include cockney comic and Eastenders star Mike Reid, actress Julia Sawalha and TV funny man Jasper Carrott.

10 Last Christmas Britain's housewives spent an average of £78 stocking up on marzipan for use as a cake covering and decoration. That's more than we spent on candles, miniature plastic Santa Claus and Christmas tree figures, candle holders and little silver edible balls put together.

11 Marzipan can be made at home using icing sugar, caster sugar, almonds, eggs, vanilla essence and lemon juice.

12 Dentists prefer to make their own marzipan as opposed to buying it in the shops. That's because ready mixed marzipan contains up to 50 per cent more sugar than the home-made variety.

13 Pop star Marc Almond changed his name from Robert Marzipan Blenkinsop. He thought Almond would be less of a mouthful.

14 If you were caught with marzipan in France during the last war, you'd have been shot by the Nazis. For marzipan is identical in texture and appearance to gelignite, and the French resistance used Christmas cakes as a means of smuggling explosives.

15 Millionaire rock star Mick Jagger is mad about marzipan. Indeed he chose his home – Mustique in the Carribean – because it is the world's second largest marzipan producing country.



Marzipan man Jagger

16 America is the largest, with an annual output of 140 million tons – enough marzipan, if it were rolled into a thin strip, to stretch to the

moon and back – ten times! All 140 million tons are exported to Belgium.

17 Russian marzipan contains no sugar or almonds. Instead it is made of sand and lime. 'Ugstonk', as it's known, is used extensively in the building industry.

18 Top of the Pops dancers Pan's People were originally called Marzipan's People after the seventies teenage craze of eating marzipan. Kids used marzipan to give them extra energy in much the same way that Ecstasy is used today. However, the name was changed as the BBC felt the word 'marzipan' was too controversial.



19 There was 'marzipan-dimonium' in Hollywood recently when pint-sized Batman star Danny Devito opened Hollywood's first marzipan restaurant. Top stars queued for hours to choose from 150 different flavours of marzipan on offer. Demand was so great that the restaurant completely sold out of marzipan within half an hour.

20 Marzipan hasn't always been used to decorate cakes. During the war hair combs and brushes were rationed, and soldiers would use a strip of pink marzipan in their hair as a false parting.

Remember the *true* meaning of Christmas...



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FISHERMAN SAM

YOUNG BRAD AND JULIE
JENNINGS ARE VISITING
THEIR UNCLE SAM, A
FISHERMAN, IN THE COASTAL
VILLAGE OF SHAMESIDE



IT MUST BE EXCITING BEING A
FISHERMAN, UNCLE SAM. DO YOU
HAVE YOUR VERY OWN BOAT?

INDEED I DO,
BRAD



IN FACT I BUILT THAT BOAT
MYSELF - WITH MY OWN
HANDS

COME AND TAKE A LOOK AT
IT - IT'S EITHER SPECIAL



WOW! IT'S A LARGE FLOATING
ELECTRONIC NUDE ROBERT ROBINSON

CLIMB ABOARD CHILDREN -
I'LL TAKE YOU FISHING



WHA! YOU DON'T
CATCH MERRY FISH
WITH A STUPID BOAT
LIKE THAT



WITH MY SMART NEW BOAT, I CAN CATCH
ABSOLUTELY PILES OF FISH

THAT'S TRUE, MR JARVIS,
BUT I'M NOT GREEDY ABOUT
CATCHING LOADS OF FISH

MY LARGE FLOATING
ELECTRONIC NUDE
ROBERT ROBINSON
IS GOOD ENOUGH
FOR ME



GOT YOUR FISHING RODS
READY KIDS?

YES UNCLE SAM

THEN HOLD TIGHT WHILE I
START THE ENGINES



THROWING GIDDY FROM SIDE TO SIDE, THE AFFRANCO
MECHANICAL NUDE 'CALL MY BLUFF' PRESENTER
PLUNDERED AWAY FROM THE GUNY



THE FISH DON'T SEEM TO BE
BITING, UNCLE SAM

KEEP TRYING,
JULIE



SURPRISINGLY, THE ELECTRONIC NUDE TV PERSONALITY
SHEDDERED TO A PAINT



WHY HAVE OUR
STOPPED, UNCLE
SAM?

I'M NOT SURE - I'D
BETTER SOUND UNDER
THE BOAT AND FIND
OUT



WHY NOT? STUCK ARE YOU?
LOOK AT ALL THE
FISH I'VE GOT

AT THIS RATE, I'LL SOON HAVE
CAUGHT EVERY SINGLE FISH
IN THESE WATERS



IT'S GREEDY TO TAKE ALL THE
FISH. YOU SHOULD CATCH ONLY
AS MANY AS YOU NEED,
AND NO MORE

WHY NOT? I DON'T
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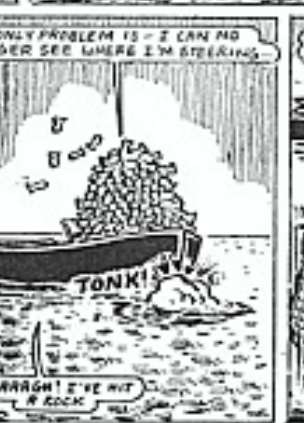
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE
ELECTRONIC NUDE
ROBERT ROBINSON,
UNCLE SAM?

NOTHING SERIOUS, BRAD.
ITS BELL BOY HAS GOT TANGLED
UP IN SOME SEAWEED - BUT
I'LL SOON CUT IT FREE



SOONER THAN YOU THINK, I HAVE NOW
GOT AN ABSOLUTELY NUDE PILE
OF FISH

AND THEY'RE MINE, DO YOU SEE ME?
ALL MINE! MUM! MUM!



THE ONLY PROBLEM IS - I CAN NO
LONGER SEE WHERE I'M STEERING

ARRAIGH! I'VE HIT
A ROCK



THAT'S GOT THE SEASIDE
UNTRAVELLED

LOOK, UNCLE
SAM - MR
JARVIS' BOAT
HAS CRASHED



HE'S BEEN KNOCKED
UNCONSCIOUS BY THE
COLLISION - AND I'D BETTER
TIE HIM BACK TO SHORE



WITH MR JARVIS' BOAT IN TAIL, THE BULKY NUDE
ROBERT ROBINSON - SHIPPED VESSEL LURKARD
SARACENESSLY TOWARDS THE GUNY



AFTER
I WAS TORN DOWN GREEDY DESIRE
TO HAVE A NUDE PILE OF FISH THAT
CAUSED THE ACCIDENT, MR JARVIS

PERHAPS THIS WILL
TEACH YOU A LESSON



A FEW DAYS LATER

WHY
THESE!



IT'S MR JARVIS

BUT - WHAT ON EARTH IS HIS BOAT - IT
RESEMBLES THE TOP TELEVISION
CELEBRITY DRUM FORETH



I REALISED THAT IT IS WRONG TO BE
GREEDY - INSTEAD, WE SHOULD CATCH
ONLY AS MANY FISH
AS WE NEED,
AND NO MORE

SO I BUILT THIS
LARGE FLOATING
ELECTRONIC NUDE
BOUCE FORETH



I THINK MR JARVIS
HAS LEARNED AN
IMPORTANT LESSON,
UNCLE SAM

YES JULIE, HE'S LEARNED THAT INSTEAD
OF BEING GREEDY, WE SHOULD CATCH
ONLY AS MANY FISH AS WE NEED,
AND NO MORE

YES

ZOOO 2000!

Daddy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow, zoo tomorrow. Daddy's taking us to the zoo tomorrow, and we can stay all day.

We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo. How about you, you, you? You can come too, too, too. We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo.

SLUMPED

There was a time not so long ago when those were the words on the lips of every schoolboy and girl. But nowadays, with the advent of colour TV, multi-screen cinemas, ten pin bowling and vegetarianism, attendances at Britain's zoos have slumped, and many zoos face closure.

ADAPT

So what is the future for Britain's zoos? How will they need to adapt to survive in the fiercely competitive entertainment world of the future? We asked top animal experts Johnny Morris and Richard Attenborough to predict for us the shape of zoos in the year 2000. This is their vision of the future.

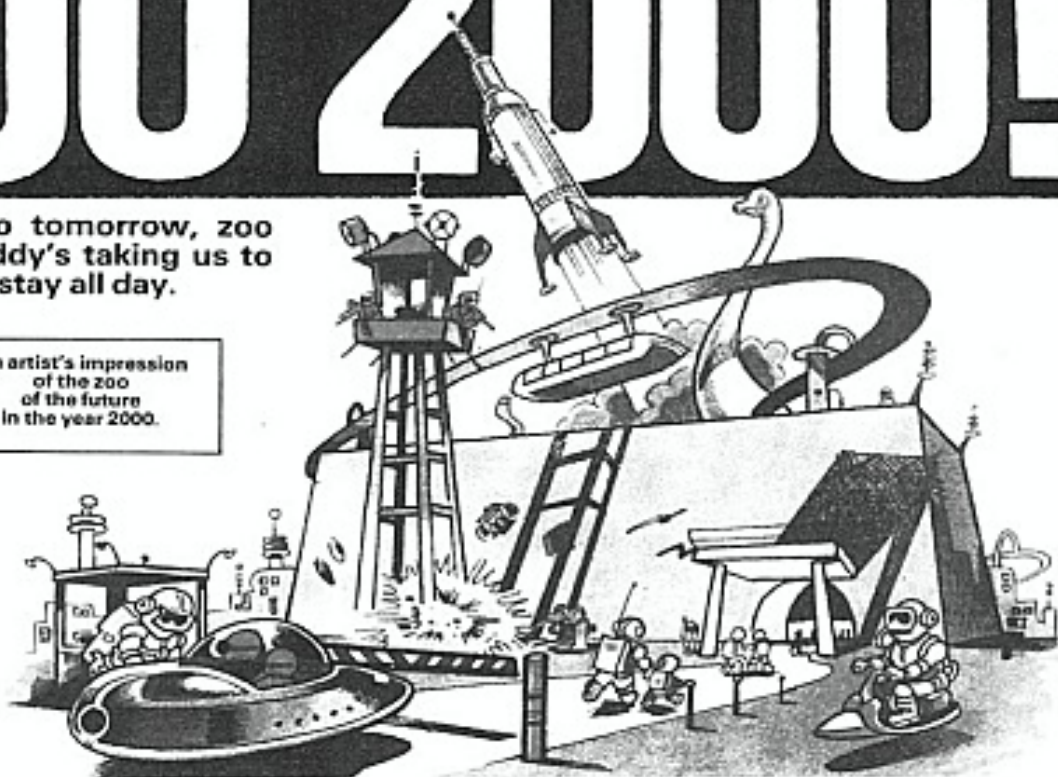
PRISON

Visitors arriving at the zoos of the future may be mistaken for thinking they were entering a prison camp. For the zoo would be surrounded by 50 foot high walls and barbed wire, and armed soldiers will accompany zoo keepers on their rounds.

HUMILIATING

Visitors will undergo humiliating body searches as they enter the gates, and any cars left unattended in the car park will be blown up by bomb disposal experts.

An artist's impression of the zoo of the future in the year 2000.



The reason for this tight security is that by the year 2000 loony lefties calling themselves the Animal Liberation Army will have declared war on Britain's zoos, and they will be under constant threat of terrorist attack.

DEGRADING

Inside the zoo there will be some unfamiliar sights too. For as well as old fashioned animals like monkeys, lions and bears, there will be a new attraction - space animals.

MARS

Brought to Earth in giant space rockets from far away planets like Mars and the Sun, space creatures will come in all shapes and sizes, and a variety of brilliant colours never before seen on Earth. Some will have three eyes, others ten legs. And many will be able to sort of dematerialise into silver clouds - like on Star Trek.

The bars on space animal cages will be very close together. For no matter how big the space animals may be, they will be able to change shape at will, and so they will be able to get through the smallest of gaps.

TWIX

Old-fashioned Earth animals will be updated using modern technology. Visitors will be able to play safely with remote control lions, or watch while the zoo keeper changes the giraffe's batteries. And silicon chimps will no longer have messy tea parties. Instead they'll entertain us by playing chess, listening to Radio 4 and discussing last night's viewing on Channel 4.

KIT-KAT

In the Reptile House temperatures may appear cool - but the snakes and lizards will be hotter than ever. That's because the

building will revolve - using the microwave principle - heating the animals more thoroughly, from the inside, outwards, in a few seconds as opposed to minutes.

AZTEC

And as well as the hiss of snakes, there'll be the roar of mighty dinosaurs. Examples of these extinct giants will have been captured using time machines and special tranquilizer ray guns, and brought back to the future.

INCA

Meanwhile, in the Aquarium there'll be a lack of water. That's because by the year 2000 fish will have evolved and developed lungs, and clambered out of the sea and onto the land.

MAYAN

New technology will mean a dream come true for Dr Doolittle, as visitors queue up to actually talk to the

professor Piehead

OKAY JOE, ALL SET TO TEST MY NEW IMPACT RESISTANT FALSE TEETH?



CRACK!



LET'S HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT THOSE MEASUREMENTS.





Zoo fan Johnny Austin (left) and some moon rabbits



animals. Using space technology, visitors will be able to communicate with the animals of their choice through a small decoder no bigger than a hearing aid. At the flick of a switch they will be able to talk in monkey, lion or any other animal language.

LIBERAL

And not only will we be talking to animals, in the zoo of the future we will also be having sex with them. Increasingly liberal attitudes towards sex will mean that by the year 2000 left wing councils will actually encourage bestiality in schools.

TORY

Schoolchildren will visit zoos regularly where they will learn about the important role all animals play in main-

taining our environment, and they will come to respect the animal neighbours with whom we share the planet.

LABOUR

And there'll also be a working abattoir where children can fire bolts into the heads of cattle and pigs. And a special audio visual display will show the process by which animals are chopped up and turned into pies and sausage rolls.

PLAID CYMRU

Last night, former Daktari star and zoo critic Virginia McKenna blasted plans for Britain's zoos of the future. "I'm appalled by the idea of space animals being captured and brought to Earth to be displayed in this humiliating and unnatural way. Space animals should be allowed to roam free in space, on planets like Mars and the Sun", she told us.

WIN TICKETS TO THE ZOO 2000

Here's a great competition – and a chance for you to win a free visit to one of Britain's zoos – if there's any left – in the year 2000.

IMAGINATION

All you have to do is draw what you think space animals of the future will look like. Use your imagination, and the more space age your animals look the better. Colour them in with silver paint or tin foil. Then send them to 'Viz Space Animals in the Zoo of the Future for the Year 2000 Drawings competition', P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT, to arrive by no later than 31st December 1999.

Another GREAT competition

We'll ask Johnny Morris, if he's still alive, to judge the competition, and the winner will receive two tickets to the zoo of the future. Five lucky runners-up will each receive a goldfish in a plastic bag.

SHAKATAK

If you'd like your pictures returned don't bother sending them in the first place. This competition is not open to members of the Animal Liberation Front, their friends or relatives. The judges' decision is final.

DAFT COW

Doris's window pane in the arse

A stupid woman who bought 200 double glazed windows has called for changes in the law governing door-to-door salesmen.

Doris Twatt and her husband Frank bought the windows despite the fact that their one bedroom flat is already double glazed.

PRESSURE

They claim they were the victims of high pressure selling techniques which included:

- **KNOCKING** at their door and ringing their bell.
- **ASKING** of the Twatts wanted to buy the windows.
- **THREATENING** to call back the next day if they couldn't decide.

Eventually Mrs Twatt gave in after the salesman told her the windows would be supplied at half the usual price if she bought 200. But that still left her owing the company £280,000. And now the windows are left blocking the drive of Mrs Twatt's home.

A spokesman for BBC TV's Watchdog programme told us they were investigating the case. "Be careful when buying toys for young children this Christmas", they added. "Be on the look-out for any small, sharp or dangerous pieces which could cause a child to choke".

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SPOT the STAR



Here's a fun-to-enter competition for all you star spotters out there. We've disguised some well known celebrities. Can you spot who they are?

Send your answers, on a post card, to 'Viz Crudely Disguised Celebrity Recognition Competition', P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. The first correct entry

drawn out of the hat on 1st February 1993 will receive our first prize – a guided tour of the homes of the stars, with full commentary and including a visit to the moon.

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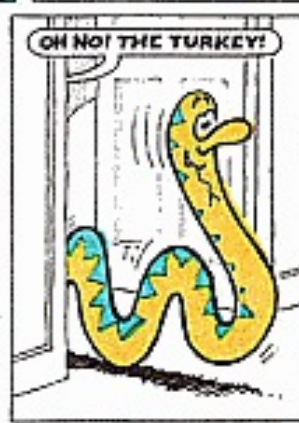
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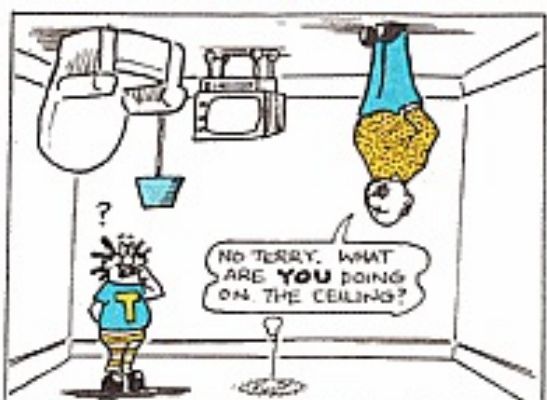
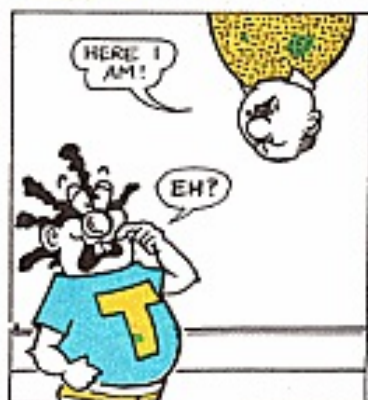
Victor AND HIS BOA CONSTRUCTOR





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CARTOON CHARACTER



Never mind The Gladiators. Meet the...

Faddy eaters!

TV tough guys the Gladiators are fussy about their food. That's the shock news that's set to rock Britain's favourite TV show.

The Gladiators has taken the TV world by storm. But what audiences don't realise is that superheroes like Wolf, Panther and Flame are in fact *choosy eaters*.

CANTEEN

That's the dramatic claim being made by former TV canteen assistant Ethel Brownbridge. And she says that staff at the BBC canteen where she worked for three months became so fed up with the muscle-bound Gladiators picking at their food they **BANNED** them eating there.

REFRECTORY

She claims that the super fit Gladiators were

- **FINICKY** about what they ate
- **DIFFICULT** to please with an amazing list of likes and dislikes, and
- **FUSSY** about little things, like peas going cold.

CAFE

"Wolf was the worst", Ethel told us. "He'd always ask for a children's portion, and he had to have a glass of warm milk with it. He even made me mash up his fish fingers on one occasion to prove that there were no bones in them."

BEEF CAKE

Warrior was just as bad. He looked like a real beef cake, so I used to give him extra servings of vegetables. But he never ate his peas because he said they were cold, and he used to leave his chips too because he only ate crinkle cut ones."

MEATLOAF

The female stars of the hit show were just as bad. Ethel recalls, "Flame wouldn't eat anything for a week. Eventually we rang her mum. She explained that Flame only ate out of a special 'Winnie the Pooh' bowl - so from then on she brought that in with her and she was fine".



The Gladiators (clockwise, right to left) Flame, Jaguar, Panther, Daimler, Orion, Conservatory, Trousers and Hose pipe.

Tempers would often flare if the Gladiators didn't get their way.

OZZY OSBORNE

"One day Saracen was sulking in the corner. He said he wasn't eating his rice pudding because it had skin on the top. I told him that he wasn't leaving the canteen until he'd ate it all."

SMASHED

Next thing I knew he flew into a rage. He smashed his hand down onto the table sending the rice pudding flying in the air. There was rice everywhere.

FRUIT

On another occasion Lightning came in. She was very fussy, and always refused to eat fruit. Well, she'd just finished a salad, when Panther told her that tomatoes are a fruit, and she'd just eaten one.

SMELL

Suddenly she kicked the table over and began screaming. She screamed till she was blue in the face, then she was sick, and out came the tomato. I asked Wolf to help me clean it up, but he said the smell of tomatoes made him faint.

Queues would often form in the canteen while we fuffed on with the Gladiators' food. Once, I remember Panther had ordered baked beans on toast. As usual I was cleaning the tomato sauce off her beans using boiling water and a sieve. When I'd eventually finished she took one look at the plate and hurled it through a window.

SIGHT

Eventually when we calmed her down she explained that the toast had been soggy, and the crusts hadn't been cut off."

TOUCH

Eventually, TV bosses banned the Gladiators from the canteen after complaints from other customers, among them Noel Edmonds.

TASTE

"Noel had been sitting on a table next to the Gladiators when Saracen complained that he was eating too loudly and it was putting him off his food. There was a brief argument following which Saracen leapt onto the table and battered Edmonds about the head with his pugil stick. Noel looked pretty badly shaken".

Trouble appeared to have followed the Gladiators when they visited a McDonald's fast food restaurant near the TV studios a few days later. Police were called after £2000 worth of damage was done to fixtures and fittings following a dispute over mustard on a cheese burger ordered by one of the stars.

Next week: How Wolf dries his bottom with a hand towel. We expose the disgusting and unhygienic toilet habits of the TV Gladiators!

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Spartans top of pop table

Viz magazine are official sponsors of Blyth Spartans A.F.C. in the Northern League, and to celebrate their recent success we've asked manager Ronnie Walton to provide additional commentary and expert analysis of this week's Top Ten.

Top of the Viz Top Ten Table is *On The Hour* - an award-winning non-stop 24 hour news show from BBC radio. Host Christopher Morris spent £101 of your license fees to send a compilation tape of the hilarious show to No. 1. The double cassette is available from BBC Enterprises, but we're giving five away to the first 5 readers who can tell us how tall Jeremy Paxman is. Is he (a) 4'8", (b) 4'8 1/4" or (c) 4'1/2". Send your answers on a postcard to our usual address. A quick word from you Ronnie.

"Yes ... erm ... real top of the table stuff. I've not actually heard of the show, but erm ... the lad's obviously done marvellous".

Thanks Ronnie. Relegated to second place despite coughing up a hundred quid were *Little Angels*. Their single due out later this month is the second to be taken from their forthcoming album 'Jam'. If they take many more singles from it, they needn't bother releasing the album at all. Ronnie?

"A great effort that from the lads, but at the end of the day they've been pipped at the eleventh hour. That's a real sickener".

Yes. And also feeling under the weather is Top Ten regular *Andrew Tait* currently suffering from flu. But that didn't stop him battling to win the No. 3 slot.

"That's right. The lad's obviously not 110% fit at this present moment in time, but it's results that count, and he's certainly stood up and been counted where it counts - up there in the top three".



The *Stranglers* missed out on our last chart due to an administrative hiccup. But we've put the record straight by putting their record straight into the chart at No. 4.

"They've been forced to make changes recently, with a lot of new faces in the band, and I think under the circumstances they'll be happy to go into the hat tonight in the No. 4 position".

A recent hit in the national charts with his solo medley of seventies football songs, Newcastle United and Patsy Kensit fan *Harry Palmer* this month releases his debut album 'Harry Palmer 091' featuring the single, 'Geordie Medley' plus 'Freddie the Dolphin', 'The Stottie Song' and other tracks.

"With Newcastle doing the business at the top of the first division I'd imagine Harry will be doing the business in record shops this Christmas".

Yes, Ronnie. And of course

Blyth boss Ronnie Walton (above right) congratulates Chris Morris (back row, seated) on his No. 1 hit, watched by Spartans player Phil Mason (front row, left to right, clockwise) and the Little Angels (below).



Blyth are top of their table as well aren't they?

"That's right, the lads are doing great guns at the moment - top of the Northern League - and at the end of the day I can't ask for any more than that".

Meanwhile, back on the chart the action gets underway again with Leicester's *Ska Boom* at No. 8. They've celebrated the release of their 'Traffic Warden' album by arranging a string of UK and Irish dates. Unfortunately, this was in October, so it's too late to see them at Gossips, London (Thursday 8th), Rose & Crown, Loughborough (Sunday 11th) or at the Halfway House, Ballycogley, County Wexford (Sunday 18th).

"A lively outfit *Ska Boom* - nine piece, very tight, always pull a big crowd. One to watch out for there".

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Indeed. But if they, or anyone else who wants to feature in the Viz Top Ten drops us a line, please remember to enclose a cash bribe. The address is Viz Top Ten, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1PT.

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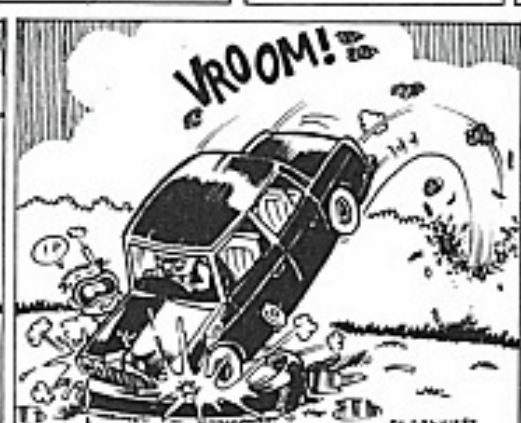


Here's a special Viz reader offer. Blyth Spartans have just had delivered a brand new strip featuring a bright red Viz logo. Unfortunately they ordered a few hundred too many, and so they're offering these official replica kits to our readers. They're available in Blyth's green and white stripes, or funnily enough in black and white or red and white colours. They come in sizes small, medium

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AFTER BEING ELECTROCUTED IN THE HEAD WHILE WIRING UP THE STEREO, TOMMY HEARD HIS DAD HAD BEEN UNDER THE SILENCE THAT HE WAS A TOP ROCK PERFORMER...



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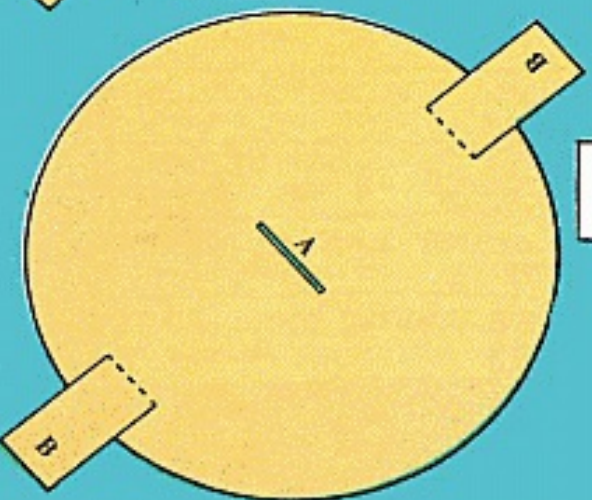
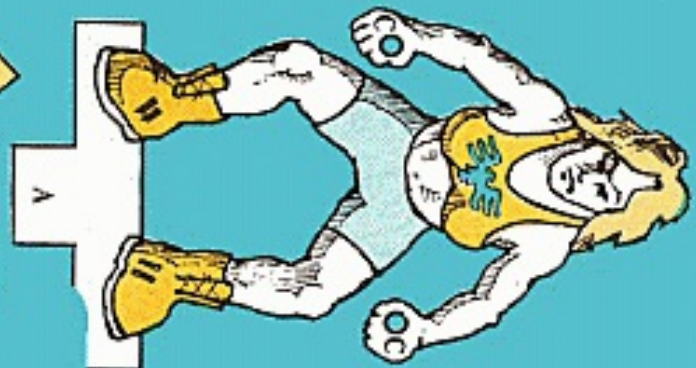
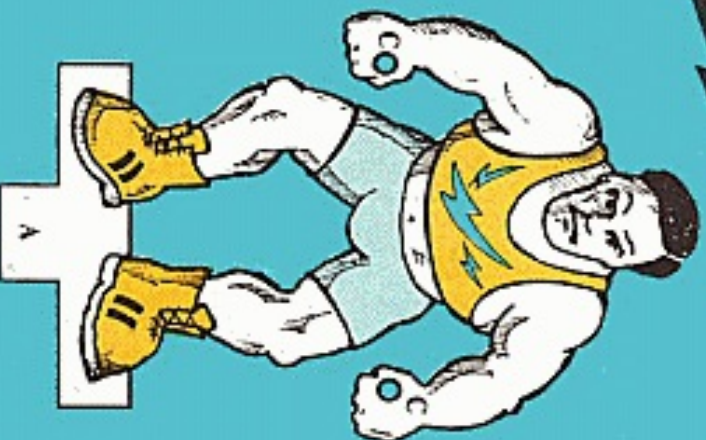
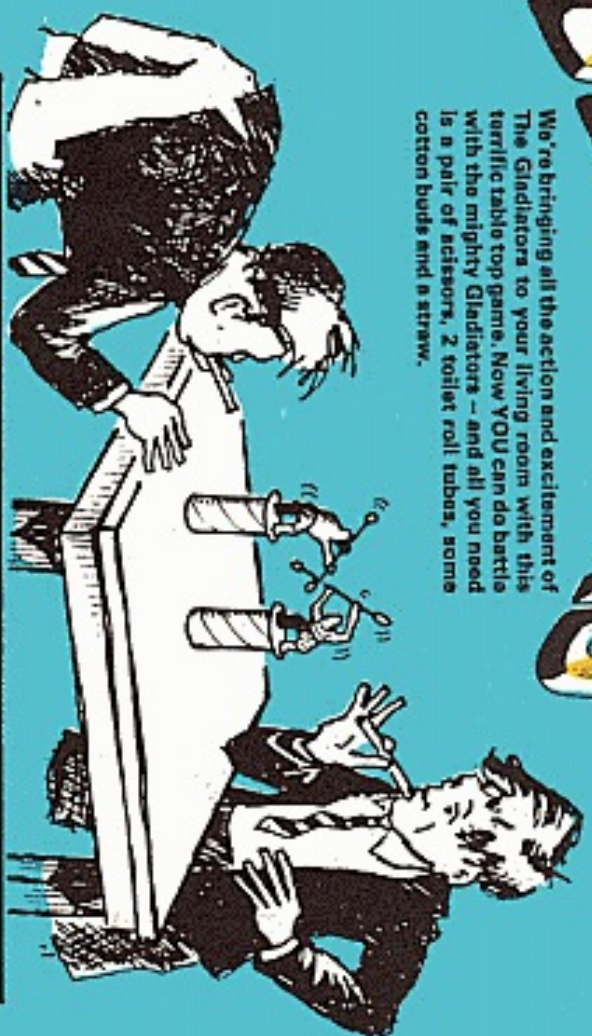
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